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## Public Act No. 05-59

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE TIMEFRAME FOR FILING A REMONSTRANCE PETITION UNDER THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 30-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) Any ten residents of the town within which is intended to be operated the business for which the permit or renewal thereof has been applied for, or, in the case of a manufacturer's or a wholesaler's permit, any ten residents of the state, may file with the department, within three weeks from the [filing date of the application] <u>last date of publication of notice made pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section</u> for an initial permit, and in the case of renewal of an existing permit, at least twenty-one days before the renewal date of such permit, a remonstrance containing any objection to the suitability of such applicant or proposed place of business. Upon the filing of such remonstrance, the department, upon written application, shall hold a hearing and shall give such notice as it deems reasonable of the time and place at least five days before such hearing is had. The

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remonstrants shall designate one or more agents for service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients of all notices issued by the department. The decision of the department on such application shall be final with respect to the remonstrance.

Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Department of Consumer Protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general law a report summarizing the licensing, compliance and enforcement activities of the department's liquor control division for the preceding year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, information concerning: (1) The number of liquor permit applications received, reviewed, withdrawn, approved and denied, (2) the amount of fees collected in conjunction with the issuance of such permits, (3) any remonstrance petitions received concerning any such application and the outcome of such hearing, (4) any complaints received by the department against any permittee and the result of any investigation by the department into such complaint, including, but not limited to, the result of any administrative action taken against such permittee, (5) any informal or formal hearing held regarding any permittee including any hearing relating to the suspension of a permit, the revocation of a permit and any fine or penalty imposed against any permittee. Such report shall be updated on January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008, for the pertinent preceding years.

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